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News Briefs

Flag retirement ceremony

The Boy Scouts of America, Civil Air Patrol and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have a flag retirement ceremony Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the wing pavilion near the bowling alley. People with worn, torn, soiled or faded U.S. flags can drop them off at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex post offices by Monday afternoon. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Francisco Araujo at 452-6514.

Driving too fast wrecks rides

A staff sergeant from the 52nd Security Forces Squadron received a DUI last weekend, sending the wing into RESCON Bravo. There were five major wrecks, six minor privately owned vehicle accidents and six minor government owned vehicle accidents during the past two weeks. The minor accidents resulted from: wildlife, others at fault, inattentive driving and speed too fast for conditions. The five major accidents occurred in Bitburg, on A-1, A-60, A-61 and B-50. (Compiled by Amber Christiansen, 52nd SFS)

New registration fees for POVs

U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles raised fees for registering vehicles from \$15 to \$30. For more information, call Master Sgt. Armond Ford at 452-5929 or visit the USAREUR RMV Web site at <http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/>.

Comptroller shutdown

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron is closed July 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an official function.

Quarterly awards luncheon

The Quarterly Awards luncheon for the second quarter of 2006 takes place July 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Club Eifel. Tickets are available through Wednesday from unit first sergeants. Call Master Sgt. Lisa Friend at 452-6378 for details.

Medical clinics closed

52nd Medical Group clinics are closed July 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for training. People requiring urgent care should visit the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency Room.

Rollin' right along

Sabers find new way to do group PT ...

Check out additional photos from the 26th Annual Beer Barrel Rolling Conetest on Page 8.



Photos by Gary Sakura

Walk this way

Team Eifel members walk through the hillside vineyards in Mehring along the Mosel River July 6 during Explore the Eifel week, a commander-sanctioned event where Sabers received two two-day passes to learn more about the local area and culture. The hikers trekked to the top of the hill for a view of the river valley, and were treated to a traditional German meal and wine tasting. For more photos from Explore the Eifel, see Page 7.

Moniker given to Joint Strike Fighter 'Lightning II' unveiled as possible replacement for A-10, F-16

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Air Force chief of staff announced Lightning II as the F-35 name during a Joint Strike Fighter Inauguration Ceremony today at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. at Fort Worth, Texas.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley made the final decision after an extensive nomination and review process, coordinated with the other services and partner nations.

In naming the F-35, General Moseley said, "Today, the enemies of peace and freedom have been put on notice. They have feared this day because the F-35 provides the coalition warfighter the perfect blend of speed, precision and stealth."

"In my travels, Airmen have given me some great suggestions that we'll see on new Air Force weapons systems in the near future," he said. "The name for the F-35, Lightning II, was a win for aviation heritage and culture."

The heritage associated with this name played a significant role in its selection. The original P-38 Lightning was also a strike fighter and had the most air-to-air kills in the Pacific during World War II. Both of America's top two aces -- Maj. Richard Bong, 40 kills, and Maj. Thomas McGuire, 38 kills -- scored all of their victories in the P-38 Lightning in WWII.

The Lightning II name also draws parallels with a formidable force of nature. Like



Courtesy photo

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley announces the name selected for the new Lockheed Martin F-35 during the inauguration ceremony at the Lockheed Martin plant in Ft. Worth, Texas, July 7. The jet, named the *Lightning II*, is a fifth-generation, supersonic stealth fighter designed to replace a wide range of existing aircraft, including the AV-8B Harrier, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F/A-18 Hornet and the Royal Air Force Harrier GR-7 and Sea Harriers.

lightning, the F-35 Lightning II will strike with destructive force. The stealth characteristics of the jet will allow the F-35 to strike the enemy with accuracy and unpredictability; when the enemy finally hears the thunder, the F-35 is long gone.

The F-35 Lightning II is the next generation strike fighter bringing cutting-edge technologies to the battlespace of the future. The Lightning II's

advanced airframe, autonomic logistics, avionics, propulsion systems, stealth and firepower will make it an affordable, lethal, supportable and survivable aircraft for warfighters across the globe.

The Air Force is the Department of Defense's executive agent for designating and naming military aerospace vehicles. Air Force and Navy representatives proposed the Lightning II name during the review process.

RESCON

BRAVO

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 5

Rank of last DUI: staff sergeant
Squadron of last DUI: 52nd SFS

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

52nd CPTS offers financial management tips to Iraqi military

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron hosted 10 CENTCOM team and Iraqi Ministry of Defense military members here June 23 through July 1 for training sessions on budgeting and financial management.

"We are very excited to be here and are grateful for the hospitality," said Gen. Sabah (last name omitted for security reasons), director of budget at Joint Headquarters – Iraq, through an interpreter. "We are admiring (the 52nd CPTS) work here and we wish to have that (system) at home. They are pros and they know what to do."

The goal was to train Iraqi personnel on budgeting in order for them to build their first-ever requirements-based budgeting system under the new government, said Maj. George Govan, 52nd CPTS commander.

"The training centered on strategic planning, financial analysis and financial services functions," the major said. "The Iraqi military

members were exposed to processes for paying their personnel, as well as accounting aspects and systems involved in tracking pay. It was never the intention for the Iraqis to imitate the U.S. Air Force, but rather to expose them to a

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-- Gen. Sabah, director of budget at Joint Headquarters - Iraq

better way of doing business in their environment."

Tracking and dispersing pay is a cumbersome and lengthy process for a society that does not offer credit cards and ATM cards, which most Americans are used to, said Lt. Col. Dawn Bizub, Coalition Air Force Transition Team financial management advisor to the Iraqi Air Force.

"Iraq is a cash-based society, and it often takes an entire week for the finance division to go out and make sure payroll is being made,"

Colonel Bizub said. "Going to the bank is not a safe thing to do in Iraq. The paradigm is so completely different from what most people understand."

Bringing the Iraqis out of country, getting

their ideas flowing and putting them in a secure environment was important for the success of the training, she added.

"It's dangerous for them just coming to work every day, and they vary the times they leave home and come to work; it's very difficult to schedule training for them," Capt. Joel Ridenour said.

As a member of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq Joint Headquarters Transition Team, Captain Ridenour said the Iraqis want to learn computerized accounting

systems to streamline budgeting and payroll, but it is difficult to do anything on the computer due to the problems with electricity.

Their noteworthy accomplishment while here was on June 29 when about 300 Ministry of Defense workers were paid with direct deposit for the first time. The Ministry of Finance opened a bank in the international zone to ensure the security of the soldiers' identities and provide immediate access to their pay.

The direct deposit system will be up and running for the entire Ministry staff, roughly 2,000 people, by the end of July.

"With Iraq's progression, the financial community has become more stable and the timing was right for a more sophisticated method of paying soldiers," Colonel Bizub said. "Soldiers, who are often at risk and not always at their home base to receive their monthly pay, could benefit greatly from this crowning achievement."

AAFES provides benefits, savings for DoD, NATO military, families

"We go where you go ..."
acts as slogan for servicemembers
home, abroad supporting OIF, OEF

By Capt. Diane Weed
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Do you realize that the whole reason the Army and Air Force Exchange Service exists is to serve you? Yes, you -- whether you're active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired or dependent. AAFES' sole purpose is to serve...YOU.

AAFES is dedicated to ensuring your quality of life, going where you go and being of value to you everyday, just as it has for the past 110 years.

Ensuring your quality of life

Your quality of life is important to AAFES. Keeping this in mind, your exchange provides the convenience of shopping near work or home for all kinds of goods and services that you may need.

"AAFES is no longer just a main store, a shoppette and a gas station. AAFES is now an integrator and provider of goods and services across a broad spectrum of military life," said AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex.

AAFES offers a wide variety of services for you in addition to those bare necessities. This exclusively-for-military organization operates barber/beauty shops, laundry/alterations service, fast food restaurants and much more all within minutes of your office.

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variety and convenience, it also returns about 65 percent of its profits to the military community in the form of Morale, Welfare and Recreation dividends. In most cases, the more money you spend at your local exchange, the more your community will reap the benefits.

In 2005 alone, AAFES returned more than \$233 million to the services, which is more than \$235 for each Airman and Soldier! The money has been used to help fund things like youth activities, clubs, libraries, bowling centers and golf courses.

"We're here to improve quality of life for our troops," AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications Army Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond. "And if you believe that quality of life is key to readiness, I think you'd have to believe that AAFES has made a major contribution to US operations."

In short, AAFES is committed to making sure your quality of life is as good as possible by making sure you have what you need wherever you are.

Going where you go

When AAFES says 'wherever,' they mean it. "We Go Where You Go" is more than a slogan, it's a way of life for AAFES associates. AAFES has more than 3,100 facilities in more than 30 countries, five U.S. territories and 49 states. AAFES has stores everywhere from Iraq and Afghanistan to Kyrgyzstan and Djibouti, Africa -- basically wherever you are and wherever you may end up going.

Back in the beginning of 2003 when the troop buildup in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom began, AAFES started to move into Kuwait and within days of the invasion into Iraq, opened its

first store there. Now, AAFES has 25 stores open in Iraq, 14 in Kuwait, and seven in Afghanistan, plus many others in more remote OEF/OIF locations.

AAFES has approximately 450 associates deployed in support of OEF and OIF, working and living right alongside you in some of the most austere and hostile environments in the world. These associates have volunteered to be there, to leave their families and to endure the same hardships you have to face just to bring a little taste of home to you and your friends.

"Even though they're civilians, even though they're merchants by profession, they are committed to Soldiers and Airmen and are willing to do whatever it takes to ensure AAFES lives up to its pledge, 'We Go Where You Go,'" said Colonel Thurmond.

Being of value to you

AAFES is part of your military benefits package, just like health care and the commissary. To maintain the value of your benefit, AAFES works hard to make sure you save money everyday.

Most AAFES stores have a price surveyor who routinely compares prices to those of the competition, to make sure AAFES is offering you the best possible price. Also, AAFES doesn't charge more for items overseas just because it cost more to transport the goods there. They do a good job of keeping their prices pretty much the same worldwide.

Wherever you are, AAFES is dedicated to providing competitively low prices on the services and merchandise you need ... and want ... in order to enhance your quality of life. Because at AAFES, it's all about you.



Photo by Airman Lilliana Moreno

This side up

Servicemembers prepare to stabilize an aircraft at Aviano Air Base, Italy, July 6. The aircraft suffered damage after a severe thunderstorm with wind gusts that measured up to 82 knots. The storm tore through Aviano June 29, and caused basewide damage estimated at \$3.5 million.



Courtesy photo

Top Saber Performer

Name: Tech. Sgt. John Vance
Unit: 52nd Security Forces Squadron
Duty title: Unit Deployment Manager
Hometown: Erie, Pa.
Years in Service: 10
Nominee's contributions to 52nd FW mission success: Sergeant Vance's program was benchmarked during the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Reporting Tool Staff Assistance Visit as the best at Spangdahlem Air Base. The team said it should be mirrored by all of the base units. Sergeant Vance also manages all aspects of the unit's mobility program, including all peacetime and contingency taskings. He initiates employment actions and ensures tasked personnel are trained,

equipped and transported to designated areas. He continuously helps in monitoring manpower data and assigns personnel to 122 mobility positions for worldwide deployments. Sergeant Vance maintains and manages more than 900 line items valued at \$8 million.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: He is currently enrolled with the Penn State University World Campus working toward a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and recently completed requirements for his associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy snowboarding, working out at the fitness center and playing and watching sports. I also love to travel. Spangdahlem really is second to none as a starting point. We recently made our annual trip to Dublin, Ireland, for Paddy's day festivities.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I've had the opportunity to work side by side with the best of the best, equipping and training the "powerful professionals" of the 52nd SFS. Ensuring our Airmen are fully prepared to take the fight to the enemy downrange is a challenging but rewarding experience.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB? I would like to see more activities and events that foster interaction between the base populace and our local German communities.

Forecast looks good as one Spang Airman nabs Air Force-level award

By Staff Sgt. Szu-Moy Ruiz
Detachment 9, AFNEWS

One Spangdahlem Air Base Airman recently earned an Air Force-level award for his weather forecasting here.

Senior Airman John Radovan, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, set himself apart from his peers as a mission weather forecaster who supports all three fighter squadrons, as well as the 726th Air Mobility Squadron here.

Capt. Ida Lucchesi, 52nd OSS, said he is one of the best Airmen she has ever worked with.



"He's just a great Airman," she said. "He has a lot of innovations, and he's constantly thinking of ways to improve the environment, how to enhance our support to the fighter mission and the [Air Mobility Command Operations at the 726th AMS]."

"He has an overall positive attitude, and he's a great Airman and a great future leader," she said.

Airman Radovan credits the help of his leadership for his win.

"It feels good when people believe in you," he said. "It feels great to get recognized. It's very humbling. Just being recognized all the way at Air Force level is a blessing."

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Soup and salute for you! Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Guyer ensured 160 additional Mosel Hall Dining Facility guests got a hot meal before heading downrange. A speedy salute to the Fitness



Center team for successfully bringing together more than 65 runners for the 2006 USAFE time trials and road race.

52nd Maintenance Group

A silent cheer for Staff Sgt. Gabriel Jenkins for training four new propulsion flight test cell Airmen on F-16 hush house procedures. Prattle on about how Tech. Sgt. Andreas Whitney does a stellar job as propulsion flight production superintendent; he led the 24-hour repair of an engine for a deployed unit, helping to get that aircraft back in the fight.

52nd Medical Group

Airman 1st Class Andre Golden really shines, and deserves a salute for helping out the dental records and reception element. Senior Airman Michael McElroy from the optometry flight has his eye on you after stepping up as primary unit security manager during the busy

PCS season. Thanks to Lt. Col. Anita Wolfe, Maj. Donald Woolever and Staff Sgt. Kalisha Savage for orchestrating a flawless change of command for the 52nd MDOS. Can you hear the kudos now? Good! That's thanks to Staff Sgt. Chris Endres and Airman 1st Class George Jankowski, who revamped

the on-call board to facilitate prompt and accurate after-hours access.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Extreme thanks to Senior Airman Leo Estremadura, 701st Munitions Maintenance Squadron network control center technician, who demonstrates extensive knowledge on all things computer-related. A sharp salute to Airman 1st Class Christopher Benton for providing 24-hour, airtight entry control in protection of more than \$500 million in assets.

CDC stars

Airman 1st Class Sharday Norman, 52nd Contracting Squadron, 93;

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
(Compiled by Capt. Mike Cumberworth, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Know a sharp troop?

Send them a "Salute" in the Eifel Times!

Write up a message on the good things a person, team, flight or organization is doing on base, and we'll print their good deeds in the paper.

Send it to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Photo by Capt. Michael Cumberworth

Top Saber Team

Unit name: Club Eifel staff, 52nd Services Squadron

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The mission of the staff of Club Eifel is to provide programs and products that meet members' recreational and social needs while maintaining a balance between military tradition and current trends.

Number of members: Approximately 70 on multiple shifts

How does the team fit into the 52nd FW's mission? The team provides hospitality options to the Eifel through J. R. Rockers Sports Café, the Enlisted Lounge, the Officers Lounge, Club Annex at Bitburg, slots room, ballroom and concessionaire contractors such as the hair salon, Golden Dragon and Hong Kong Terminal. Club Eifel also hosts many wing events from changes of command and awards ceremonies to Airman Leadership School graduations and distinguished visitor dinners.

Other contributions by the team throughout the year? The team from Club Eifel expanded programming within the last year with the Urban Comedy Show and Sunday afternoon Ballroom Bingo programs. Other popular events include Family Fun Night for club members and their families, an eighth grade graduation party and Bitburg High School Junior-Senior Prom. This fall brings the return of Football Frenzy during the NFL Football season, as well as other exciting programs that will help Sabers pass the time in the Eifel.

Operation On-Air

Play a dedication to your deployed loved on 105.1 FM.

E-mail song requests and your special messages to
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Transportation Management Office frequently asked questions

staff reports

Question: What documentation do spouses of deployed Sabers need to arrange a permanent change of station move in their spouses' absence?

Answer: Saber spouses must have a power of attorney to sign and arrange the packing and picking up of personal property. Check with the base legal office as to which power of attorney would be best suited for individual cases.

Question: What should Sabers do after receiving their PCS orders?

Answer: Sabers who have received their PCS orders should visit TMO with a minimum of six copies of their orders, including front and back, plus any amendments as soon as they receive them.

Question: How long does stateside delivery take for household goods and unaccompanied baggage?

Answer: Household goods take about 60-75 days by ship out of Bremerhaven. Unaccompanied baggage averages 30-45 days by air.

Question: How long does it take for privately owned vehicle stateside delivery?

Answer: It generally takes about 60 days for POV stateside arrival from Germany.

Question: Are we allowed to request crating for antique furniture pieces?

Answer: For crating to be authorized for any HHG item, the carrier must determine that his company cannot safely ship the item to its destination without crating.

Question: Will moving companies give Airmen boxes so they can pack items themselves?

Answer: No, contractors will not provide boxes prior to moves because to receive payment, they must keep track of and report all the boxes and packing materials used for each account.

Question: How can Sabers request recommendations or references on a moving company?

Answer: All carriers are scored on their quality of service quarterly. Any carrier that falls below 90 percent is removed from the base service list. Only the best carriers are used for Team Eifel moves.

Question: How can Sabers request a particular moving company?

Answer: Sabers can request a company, but the wing distributes contracts equitably, and requests are not guaranteed.

Question: How soon can Sabers get personal property picked up?

Answer: Personal property cannot be picked earlier than seven duty days after the briefing date.

Question: What happens if Sabers don't submit the correct address for their personal property pickup?

Answer: Submitting an incorrect address typically results in an "attempt pickup" charge and delays the pickup of personal property. Sabers must ensure that they record the correct pickup addresses on their documents.

Question: Can Sabers who have already had their TMO briefings and set up their HHG pick up dates, change their pick up dates?

Answer: After TMO briefings, household goods and unaccompanied baggage shipments are booked with international carriers and all required paperwork is prepared and forwarded to the carriers. It is impractical and often not possible to change the pick-up dates, especially from May through August, the summer PCS season.

Question: How should Airmen separate their household goods and unaccompanied baggage shipment for the moving company?

Answer: Before each packing date, Sabers should separate, mark and set aside items they don't want the movers to pack. It is best to store the items in a separate room or someplace that the movers will not mistake for immediate packing. It is important that Airmen set aside the items that they need to keep with them when traveling to their new station, including at least one uniform, necessary military equipment or supplies, their important personal and military documents, and anything else they will need to have on hand.

Question: After all personal equipment for shipping has been picked up, how many duty days do Sabers need to wait before calling TMO for the actual weight of their shipments?

Answer: The moving companies need at least seven duty days to compile weight information from the carrier. Sabers can call the TMO booking and billing section at 452-6263 for this information.

Question: How many days of storage are Sabers authorized at Spangdahlem AB?

Answer: Sabers are authorized 90 days of "storage in transit." Airmen who need an additional 90 days must request an extension with a valid reason as to why they can't accept their goods.

SecAF letter to Airmen recognizes Total Force

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)

-- In the latest Letter to Airmen, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne recognizes the Total Force.

"As a leader in the Total Force Integration, the Air Force continues to benefit from one powerful, cohesive team formed by our Active Duty Airmen, Air National Guardsmen, and Air Force Reservists. In my travels around the Air Force, I see this synergy firsthand and realize our training and operations make it impossible to differentiate among the three components.

"We simply could not accomplish today's dynamic mission without the Total Force integration of our Guard, Reserve and Active Duty force. Our Active Duty, Guard and Reservists stand side by side in the fight in the Global War on Terrorism. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the recent airstrikes that killed the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Al Zarfawi.

"The collective efforts of Active, Guard and Reserve forces continue to yield tremendous successes for the Joint Team and our Nation. Total Force has moved from a future concept to today's reality -- one team, one fight, with a shared, disciplined combat focus," Secretary Wynne said.

This Letter to Airmen and other senior leader viewpoints can be found in the Library section of Air Force Link.



Secretary of the
Air Force
Michael Wynne

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

The SARC serves as the single point of contact for integrating and coordinating sexual assault victim care from initial report through disposition and resolution of issues related to the victim's health and well-being. For more information, call the SARC Office at 452-7272.



27-year enlisted leader says:
Lead, follow, get out of the way

By Chief Master Sgt. John Gebhardt
22nd Medical Group

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. (AFPN) -- My first Air Force lesson 27 years ago was "lead, follow or get out of the way."

A great deal has changed over the years but not the basic principle of leading or following every day. What has changed is we no longer have the luxury of allowing any Airman to get out of the way.

Ask yourself throughout the day if you are leading or following and improving the mission or people. If you are not doing either you have decided to get out of the way. Shame on you and the supervisor who allows this to happen.

Our quest for more leaders and followers has expanded to higher expectations from everyone -- every rank, including dependents and community members. The responsibilities of our newest Airmen have grown rapidly over the past years, and they have exceeded expectations.

For the past 16 years, we have been engaged in deploying Airmen within the air expeditionary force construct. Our Air Force has increasingly required better trained, educated and fit Airman to accomplish the mission right here, right now.

From airman basic to colonel, everyone must both lead and follow many times during a day's work. Ask yourself in every task if you're leading or following with the best of your ability, motivation and positive attitude completing the task at hand. The days of getting out of the way are no longer an option.

Take time every day to reach out and build stronger relationships and teams, improve skills and always keep an eye out to ensure no co-worker falls behind or gets out of the way.

In essence, with our smaller numbers we must be capable and vigilant to meet our wing's mission; there are no spectators in the war on terrorism.

Perspectives

Former CMSAF bids farewell,
good bye to fellow Airmen

By Gerald R. Murray
Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

It's been my honor and privilege to serve as your 14th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. As I culminate my 29-year career, I want to thank each of you for volunteering to serve our nation, for fighting the Global War on Terror and for continuing to keep our Air Force strong.

Early in my tenure I wrote a CMSAF Perspective entitled: "To the members of the best enlisted force in the world." I whole-heartedly believed that then; now after four years traveling around our Air Force, meeting with so many of you and witnessing the tremendous feats you accomplish everyday, I'm convinced even more.

Your pride and professionalism are awesome and continue to make the difference in our ability to accomplish our mission. We dominate in air, space, and across the planet because of you. You truly are the nation's and our Air Force's greatest asset.

As America's Airmen we are asked to lead the way in the fight for freedom. Together we transformed from Cold War mentalities to a combat expeditionary Air Force ... an incredibly strong, agile, and lethal force. Our combat role began more than 15 years ago with Desert Storm. You've since honed your skills through Operations Northern and Southern Watch, Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, among many other challenges.

In the Global War on Terror you've taken the fight to the enemy and defeated them everywhere you engaged. As the war contin-

ues, you must remain resolute, strong, and prepared to fight any-time and anywhere that our liberties, or those of our allies, are threatened. I am confident that just as those who came before us overcame challenges, you will continue to soar to the challenges ahead with courage, commitment, and conviction. I'm grateful to have served with such outstanding men and women who exemplify these values.

Because of your service and sacrifice, the seeds of Democracy

"We dominate in air, space, and across the planet because of you. You truly are the nation's and our Air Force's greatest asset."

are growing in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other areas of the world. Take pride in your part in building the future of these nations -- nations that simply want to enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted. Most importantly, stand fast in preserving our great democracy and way of life in the United States of America. As Airmen, we can measure our success not in dollars, rank or recognition, but in the ability to make a difference in someone else's life, in our nation and in our world.

Our Chief of Staff, Gen Moseley, selected Chief Rod McKinley to be the 15th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. He is a committed leader, with tremendous experience, education, and compassion. His strength and character make him the right person at the right time to lead and represent our outstanding enlisted force.

I leave you in good hands, and the Air Force in your capable hands. Keep your focus on winning this war and taking care of each other. Best wishes to each of you.

DoD 'transforms' AF into leaner, smarter fighting force

Consolidation, restructuring
become common place in
day-to-day military lingo

By Lt. Col. Mark Tesmer
52nd Medical Support Squadron commander

The Air Force is going through some significant changes such as personnel reductions, more lengthy deployments, Base Realignment And Closure and tighter budgets. People can't pick up a newspaper without reading about "transformation" in the Department of Defense.

Wherever you go, someone is talking about change and the impact it's going to have on you. Terms such as consolidation, restructuring, process efficiencies, AFSO21 and LEAN initiatives are becoming common place in our day-to-day military vocabulary, and they all share a common theme: Change in our Air Force.

Those of us who have been in the Air Force for a while have learned that the only constant we can count on is change. Many of us survived organizational restructuring. Remember Strategic Air Command or Tactical Air Command? Who could forget the Air Force's reduction in force in the mid '90s? And whatever happened to Clark Air Base; Pease,

"As a leader, the ability to adapt and successfully maneuver your organization through change is absolutely critical."

Plattsburgh Air Force Base or Lowry AFB? My experience has been that as much as things change, everything always seems to work out for the best. What seemed insurmountable at the time became insignificant over time.

Success in the Air Force -- or any large organization for that matter -- depends on people's ability to cope with change and uncertain-

ty. As a leader, the ability to adapt and successfully maneuver your organization through change is absolutely critical. So how do we -- the supervisors, NCOs and officers of today's Air Force -- do that? Here are a few tips for supervisors.

First, be supportive in a positive manner. Our Airmen take their cues from us. To bad mouth

change, especially in front of our fellow Airmen, produces nothing of any positive value for anybody. It really makes people look bad, too.

Second, communicate with your Airmen -- in person. Even if you don't know all the answers, people appreciate being included in the discussions and talked with one-on-one. Share with

them what you do know; don't do it by e-mail and always be honest.

Finally, remember there is a plan, and that somebody is in control, and, most importantly, that they're watching out for us. It may not always seem like it, but experience has shown me that there is always a "method in the madness." Our leaders have stood in our shoes and remember the personal anxieties that come along with drawdowns and organizational change.

One of the greatest things about our Air Force is that everyone who makes it to the top has walked in our shoes. Every chief was an airman basic and every general was a second lieutenant. They know what it's like to be us.

So if history is any indicator of the future, and we remember to be supportive and to do the right thing, the Air Force will weather these changes today and be stronger for it tomorrow.



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- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
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- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

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Sortie
Scoreboard

| Aircraft | Goal | Flown | Delta |
|----------|------|-------|-------|
| 22FS | 405 | 23 | +1 |
| 23FS | 325 | 78 | -28 |
| 81FS | 357 | 72 | -22 |

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through July 10

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron
Plans and Scheduling Section

Editor's Note: Submit "Community" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office Internal Information Section at 452-5244 for more information.

New operating hours

The TKS shops on Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex have new hours beginning Saturday. The Bitburg Annex location is closed Sundays, and the Spangdahlem AB location is open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Boy Scout volunteers needed

Boy Scout Troop 165 is looking for volunteers for committee and troop leadership positions, and to serve as merit badge counselors. Scouting experience is not necessary since training is provided. Contact Joe Lemke at lemke001@yahoo.com or 06565-933433.

Free, reduced lunch applications

The application deadline for the free/reduced lunch program for the 2006/2007 school year is Aug. 11. Parents must bring a current leave and earnings statement along with the application to the school liaison office, building 151, or submit their paperwork via the Intranet at intranet/52fw/52msg/52msg_staff/DoDDS/default.asp. If a child is already enrolled in the program, parents will automatically receive a renewal application. For more information on the USDA-sponsored program, call Audrey Burkell at 452-6942.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex, building 2015. Call 01803-224357 (AAHELP) or e-mail bitburg@aa-europe.net. Also, Al-Anon meets Sundays at 6 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2015. Call 06562-974257 for more information.

Motorcycle safety training

All USAFE personnel operating motorcycles, motor scooters or mopeds must complete a mandatory safety course every three years. The wing safety office hosts the

Motorcycle Safety Foundation course throughout the riding season. The class is a one-day, hands-on course. Remaining class dates are July 22 and 29; Aug. 26; and Sept. 23. For details, call the safety office at 452-7233.

Concert in the park

Put on jeans and cowboy boots for an evening of live country music performed by the country rock band "Free Country," in the park at the Kaiserslautern Gartenschau July 22 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy an American-style barbecue, an authentic western rodeo rider, square dancing and more. Tickets are 8 euro for adults, 5 euro for students, and children 10 and under enter for free. Food and drinks are pay-as-you-go. For details, e-mail the American German Business Club at kaiserslautern@agbc.de.

Technology expo

The Spangdahlem AB Technology Expo takes place Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Club Eifel. The expo features more than 40 exhibitors with hands-on demonstrations of the latest emerging technologies. The event is free. To avoid lines at check-in, pre-register at www.federalaircraft.com. For a listing of visiting companies, e-mail Kristin Francies at francies@ncsi.com.

2006 Motor weekend

Rev-up the engines and swing by the 2006 Motor Weekend July 21-23 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center parking lot. The weekend features many cars, trucks and motorcycles from throughout Europe and the United Kingdom. There will be a classic/custom car and motorcycle display; trophies for category winners; A-10 and F-16 photos opportunities; bike poker run; games, prizes and giveaways; audio sound-off; Dyno contest and burnout pit; commemorative T-shirts; live entertainment; food and activities for children. Call Eric Guth at 452-2695 for details.

Civil Air Patrol

The Spangdahlem AB Civil Air Patrol seeks youth ages 12 and older interested in outdoor, leadership and flying activities, and adults dedicated to mentoring the cadets. Meetings take place Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex build-

ing 2012. E-mail civilair.patrol@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Toastmasters meetings

Toastmasters meet Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 139. The club provides leadership and professional communications training. Call Master Sgt. Dave Maniccia at 452-5462 for more information.

Chess program

Adults and children age 6 and up can learn new strategies, play one-on-one games and have fun during the chess program at the Brick House from noon to 3 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month.

Thrift Shop

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club thrift shop is located in Spangdahlem housing, building 410, basement A. It is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays for sales and consignments. Call 452-2243 for more information.

Library reading program

Registration for the Children's Summer Reading Program takes place now. People can sign up at the Spangdahlem AB or Bitburg Annex libraries. For details, call Raquel Santos at 452-9055.

Entertainers needed

The community relations office seeks talented people or groups who want to perform at local community functions. Call Bernhard Schaefer at 452-7161 or 452-6434, or e-mail 52fw.cra@spangdahlem.af.mil for more information.

Preschool bouncy castle

The Bitburg Annex Community Center preschool bouncy castle is open for children ages 5 and younger. It is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Military history club

The European Military History Group is open to anyone with knowledge or interest in military history. The club shares historical information and attends trips to historical sites. Call 452-7323 or e-mail EMGH-1@hotmail.com for details.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

MEMBERS ONLY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**Thursday
July 27
5-8 p.m.**

Give mom the night off, and head over to Club Eifel for dinner! Besides a great meal, you'll also get an entire evening of entertainment for the kids! There's a laser light show, bouncy castle, and even a DJ!

\$6.95 Adults • \$3.95 Children (6-12)
Kids 5 and under are FREE!



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through July 20. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Break Up (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Brooke calls it quits with her boyfriend, Gary. When neither is willing to move out, the only solution is to continue living as hostile roommates until somebody caves.

United 93 (R, 9:30 p.m.)

This is the story of the passengers and crew, families on the ground and flight controllers who watched as United Airlines Flight 93 became the fourth hijacked plane on Sept. 11, 2001.

Saturday

Stick It (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A 17-year-old ex-gymnastics star ends up on the wrong side of the law. Forced back into the sport to clean up her act, she gets the chance to make peace with her dysfunctional life.

The Break Up (9:30 p.m.)

The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13, midnight)

Sean Boswell is a hot-headed, underdog street racer. To avoid jail time, Sean is sent to live with his gruff, estranged father, a career military man stationed in Tokyo.

Sunday

Hoot (PG, 4 p.m.)

Three students take on greedy land developers, corrupt politicians and clueless cops after unearthing a threat to an endangered owl population.

The Break Up (7 p.m.)

Monday

United 93 (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

The Break up (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

When a cure is found to treat mutations, lines are drawn between the X-Men and the Brotherhood, a band of powerful mutants organized under Magneto.

Silent Hill (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A troubled young girl and her mother flee to a strange, abandoned town to seek out answers.

Saturday

X-Men: The Last Stand (7 p.m.)

American Dreamz (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

The President holes up in his bedroom in his pajamas until his Chief of Staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on a television ratings juggernaut.

Sunday

Akeelah and the Bee (PG, 4 p.m.)

A young girl from South Los Angeles tries to make it to the National Spelling Bee.

X-Men: The Last Stand (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

X-Men: The Last Stand (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Silent Hill (7 p.m.)

Postcards from the Eifel

*Sabers journey to local sites,
capture memories through photos*

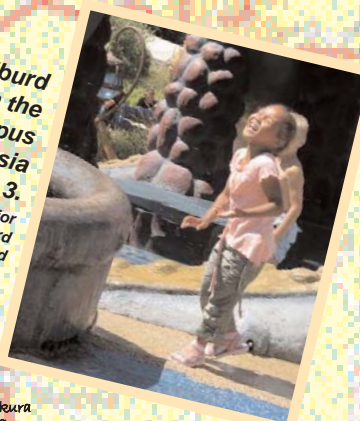


Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Wallis

Tech. Sgt. Michael Boylan 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Flight air transportation section, kicks off Explore the Eifel week by explaining how the 60K aircraft loader "Tunner" operates to one of our German hosts at the Open House July 1.

Sydnee Liburd
cools off in the
water octopus
at Phantasia
Land July 3.

Photo by Senior
Master Sgt. Gerard
Liburd



Compiled by Senior Airman Eydie Sakuma
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office



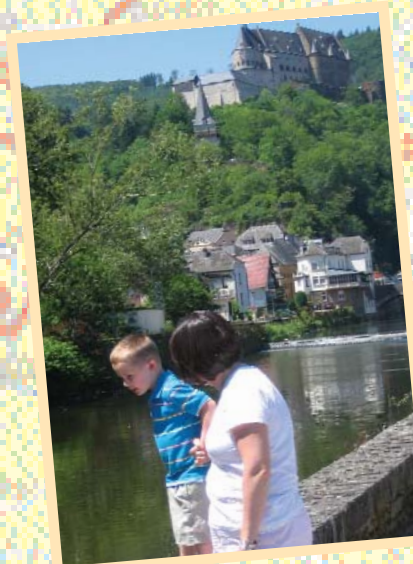
Photo by 1st Lt. Shannon Collins

Robert Gates takes riding lessons at the Hungerburg stables July 3.



Photo by Melissa Barlow

Adam and Jonathan Barlow feed a llama while visiting the Daun Wildlife Park during Explore the Eifel.



Staff Sgt. Terri Elftmann, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, and her son, Trevor, take a walk along the river after visiting Vianden Castle in Luxembourg.

Photo by Ashley Collins



Photo by Anna Zelinski

Sabers take a moment to explore a cave during a 7 km. walk from Echternach to Berdorf, Luxembourg, July 7.

Out and About

(Editor's note: Times and dates are subject to change.)

♦ Join the Boy Scouts **Sunday** when they hike the perimeter trail of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. The Scouts depart at 8 a.m. from the parking lot across the street from the post office in the Bitburg Annex French Kaserne. Return time is around 8 p.m. For more information, call Kevin Rokey at 06554-900892 or Lin Hairstone at 06565-955997.

♦ Enjoy a traffic-free bicycling event, similar to Happy Mosel, **Sunday** in the wine town of Serrig. To get to Serrig, go through Trier and continue through Konz, Saarbuck and Serrig.

♦ Join the Spangdahlem Eifel Wanderers for a day of nature and art as they travel to Stuttgart, Germany, **July 29**. Begin the day with a 6 km. or 10 km. walk in Stuttgart, and then explore the downtown area. People can also visit the Staatsgalerie and view a collec-

tion of Monet's spring paintings. The bus departs from Bitburg Annex at 6 a.m., and Spangdahlem AB at 6:30 a.m., arriving in Stuttgart around 10 a.m. The estimated return time is 8:30-9 p.m. The cost is \$40 for adult members, \$30 for child members; \$50 for adult non-members; and \$40 for child non-members. The price includes travel on a deluxe passenger bus to and from Stuttgart and a start card. Thirty-five people are needed for trip to proceed. For details, call Sara Dooley at 06563-96220 or e-mail eifelwander@hotmail.com.

♦ Enjoy watching a 1,000 km. 2006 sports car race **Saturday** and **Sunday** at the Nuerburgring race track. For details, go to www.lemans-series.com or www.1000km-nuerburgring.de.

♦ Enjoy the Fourth Annual Bitburg wine and Champagne Gala Festival **Saturday** and **Sunday** in Bitburg. Stores will be open **Sunday** from 1-6 p.m. Enjoy a big band festival, including music by "BigBand

BonBons," **Sunday** from 1-10 p.m. in the center of town.

♦ Enjoy the German National Volksmarching Day, featuring 30 different events, concerts and a special highlight parade **Sunday** at 2 p.m. in the city of Pruem. For more information, go to www.eifelverein-pruem.de.

♦ Listen to Blues by Ray Wilson & Band **Thursday** at the Burg Lissingen castle ruins.

♦ Enjoy the palatia jazz festival **Saturday** at the Burg Lichtenberg castle ruins.

♦ Listen to a classical concert **Saturday** in Mehding, on the Mosel.

♦ Enjoy the 21st International Truck Grand Prix **July 21-23** at the Nuerburgring race track. For details go to www.truck-grand-prix.de.

♦ See a Formula 1 race **July 28** at the Hockenheim Ring race track.



Roll out the barrel ...



Photos by Connie Pitsch

(Left) Sabers take part in the 26th Annual Beer Keg Rolling Contest in Bitburg during the weekend's Folkore Fest. Eight teams competed in this year's event.

(Top) John Cotton, 22nd Fighter Squadron flight surgeon, makes his way through the obstacle course.

Sports Briefs

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron for earning the Large Unit Championship on the wing's Sports Day. The 52nd Mission Support Squadron, with the help of the 52nd Fighter Wing special staff, dominated the Small Unit Championship round, and not one team was within 40 points of their final score. Kudos to all the squadrons and units who participated in the Sports Day events and activities.

Soccer Hall of Fame member visit

Meet National Soccer Hall of Fame member, Marcelo Balboa, today at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center from 2-3 p.m. and at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center from 5-6 p.m., and get an autograph. Balboa was a defender for the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team throughout the '90s, earning 128 caps and scored 13 goals. People can participate in a chance to win an autographed soccer ball and other door prizes. For details, call Aslynn Rust at 452-6466.

Cheerleading camp

Kaiserslautern High School hosts the Universal Cheer Association Cheerleading Camp Sept. 1-3. The camp is open to all prospective high school cheerleaders. Participants will learn cheers, sideline chants, dances, partner stunts and safety techniques. For more information, call Jane Varalli at 489-7541 or e-mail her at jane.varalli@eu.dodea.edu.

Track, field volunteers needed

The U.S. Forces in Europe Track and Field meet takes place in Baumholder, Germany, July 29. Volunteers are needed to assist with duties throughout the day, including set up crew; registration, results and awards teams; announcer; field events team; track events team; teardown crew and photographer. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryon Grays at 452-1951 or 452-6201.

Youth events in July

52nd Services Squadron Youth Programs has events going on throughout July. For more information, call the youth programs office at 452-9206.

♦ Play basketball at the Spangdahlem AB outdoor basketball court Wednesday from 3-8 p.m.;

♦ Take part in a three-legged race, long jump, balloon pop, ball dribble and free-throw events at the Spangdahlem AB covered pavilion July 26 from 3-8 p.m.

Flag football meeting

A coaches meeting for flag football teams takes place Aug. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center conference room. The season kicks off Aug. 14. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

Hockey players needed

The 2006 USAFE Ice Hockey tournament champions, the Bitburg Bears varsity-level hockey team, need players for their upcoming season. The season runs October to April. For more information, call Master Sgts. Tom Poeschel at 452-5648 or Jeff Barr at 452-7410.

Martial arts classes available

♦ Practice Tai Chi Quan Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex fitness center. Call Klaus Van Den Boom at 452-2392 for more information.

♦ Kuk Sol Won classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center.

♦ Aikido classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center.

Wall climbing available

The rock climbing room is open for certified climbers. To learn wall climbing techniques and to gain certification, call the Spangdahlem AB fitness center at 452-6634.

Massages available

Massage therapy is now available at the Bitburg Annex Community Center, building 2012. A one-hour Swedish or sports massage costs \$45. A 30-minute reflexology or upper body massage costs \$25. Call Valerie Valentin at 06553-901368 24 hours in advance to schedule sessions. Payments can be made at either community center.

Sabers compete in local benchpress competition

By Master Sgt. Troy Saunders
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Spangdahlem Air Base free-weight lifters participated in a benchpress competition June 21 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Everyone came away energized to improve on their best lifts. The results are as follows:

Light Weight Women's Division:

1st Place -- **Heather Marshall** with a best lift of 55 pounds.

Middle Weight Women's Division:

1st Place -- **Myla Compton** with a best lift of 75 pounds.

Heavy Weight Women's Division:

1st Place -- **Amanda Depew** with a best lift of 135 pounds;

2nd Place -- **Glenda Hoffman** with a best lift of 70 pounds.

Light Weight Men's Division:

1st Place -- **Luis Grande**, 52nd Logistics

Readiness Squadron, with a best lift of 295 pounds;

2nd Place -- **Ed Marshall**, 52nd Services Squadron, with a best lift of 285 pounds;

3rd Place -- **Herbert Williams**, 52 EMS, with a best lift of 275 pounds.

Middle Weight Men's Division:

1st Place -- **Tres Taylor**, 52nd Communications Squadron, with a best lift of 405 pounds;

2nd Place -- **Darnell Moss**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, with a best lift of 245 pounds.

Heavy Weight Men's Division:

1st Place -- **Lloyd Evang**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, with a best lift of 405 pounds;

2nd Place -- **Jaime Torres**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, with a best lift of 370 pounds;

3rd Place -- **Robert Harris**, 52 EMS, with a best lift of 370 pounds.

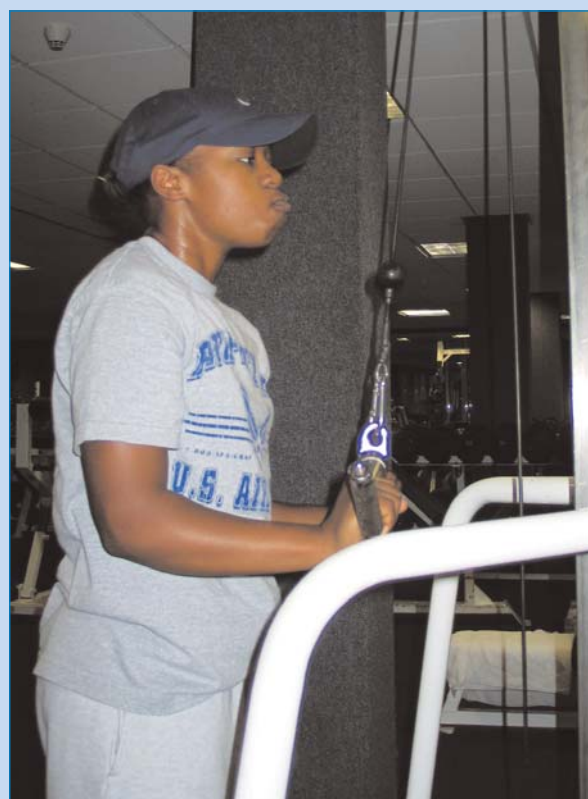


Photo by Capt. Diane Weed

Feel the burn

Tamara Dabney, 52nd Communications Squadron telephone maintenance voice network systems apprentice, works on strengthening her triceps Tuesday at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.